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SUBJECT: WEST BANK PRESS REACTION: CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

1. MODERATE, PRO-JORDANIAN AL QUDS AND PRO-PLO AL FAJR OF SEPT.
8 ALMOST UNPRECEDENTEDLY TAKE A COMMON EDITORIAL VIEW ON THE
"DANGERS" OF ALLIANCES BETWEEN ANY OF THE GREAT POWERS ON ONE
HAND AND ANY OF THE STATES OF THE MIDDLE EAST ON THE OTHER AS
THEY REFLECT ON SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL KALIM KHADDAM'S
CALL FOR BALANCING ANY U.S. PACTS WITH DEFENCE AGREEMENTS WITH
THE SOVIET UNION. PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST ASHA'B CONTINUES
TO "DENOUNCE" SADAT AND HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE U.S.

2. AL QUDS OUTLINES ARAB CRITICISMS OF THE CONCLUSION OF A DEFENSE
TREATY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL AND "WASHINGTON'S ARABS." IT
DRAWS A PARALLEL BETWEEN SUCH A TREATY AND ITS OPPOSITE
BETWEEN MOSCOW AND THE "SOVIET UNION'S ARABS," CONCLUDING
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"WHATEVER IS CORRECT FOR THE SUGGESTED AMERICAN TREATY IS ALSO
TRUE FOR THE CORRESPONDING SOVIET TREATY BECAUSE IT IS NOT IN THE
INTEREST OF THE AREA, OR THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA, TO SUBMIT TO THE
CONTROL OF EITHER OF THE GREAT POWERS... CALLING FOR MILITARY
ALLIANCES WITH THE BIG POWERS IS VERY DANGEROUS. EAGERNESS OF SOME
OF US IN ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT MUST NOT LEAD TO ENTANGLE-
MENTS WHICH WILL BRING NEW COMPLICATIONS TO THE AREA."

3. AL FAJR WARNS OF "NEW DANGERS" THAT THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE "DRAGGED INTO THE CENTER OF A HOT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO GREAT POWERS..." THAT SUCH RESULTS MIGHT COME FROM CAMP DAVID MAKES THE CONFERENCE "NO MORE THAN A CROSSING POINT INTO A HOT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER POWERS." THE PAPER CRITICIZES CAMP DAVID AS "BEING AGAINST THE RULES OF THE BIG POWER GAME...BECAUSE IT IS ONLY AIMED AT KEEPING THE SOVIET UNION OFF OF THE POLITICAL MAP OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND TURNING THE AREA INTO AN AMERICAN GHETTO..." SECURITY PACTS WILL, THE WRITER ASSURES, "BRING THE TWO GREAT GIANTS FACE TO FACE SOONER OR LATER." THIS WILL THREATEN PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WHOLE WORLD AS WELL AS THIS AREA."

4. ASHA'B CONCERNS ITSELF WITH DENOUNCING SADAT FOR "THROWING HIMSELF INTO THE ARMS OF SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS AND HALF SOLUTIONS," AND ACCUSES SADAT OF CREATING A PUZZLE "IMPOSSIBLE TO SOLVE OR DECODE EXCEPT WITH AMERICAN MENTALITY AND AMERICAN FIGURES."

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